

REMARKS

Claims 21 and 23-42 are pending in the application. Claims 21 and 23-28 have been allowed. Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 13-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 29-42 have been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow new claims 29-42 in view of the remarks herein.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 13-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,692 (“Floyd”) in view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0152904 (“Doty”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 13-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Consequently, the rejection has been rendered moot.

New claims have been added and include statutory method claims 29-35, and statutory computer program product claims 36-42. The features of claims 29 and 30-35 parallel the features of allowed claims 21 and 23-28, respectively. The features of claims 36 and 37-42 parallel the features of allowed claims 21 and 23-28, respectively. Therefore, favorable consideration and allowance of new claims 29-42 are respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing the allowable subject matter of each of claims 21 and 23-28.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reason for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to amendment. Applicants respectfully request consideration of any filed IDS not previously considered, by initialing and returning each Form 1449.

The undersigned attorney welcomes the opportunity to further discuss by telephone any position or issue not fully addressed by the above remarks and amendments.

No charges are believed due. However, if any fees are due, they are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply all charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 13909-0055001.

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